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| RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT Address to: Mail Stop Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | Docket No. | RIGL-023 |
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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 26, 2008, and is accompanied by a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, making it timely filed on or before June 26, 2008.

The Examiner has required election of one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-14, 22, 27, 28, 33, 37, 41 and 42 drawn to cyclic peptides comprising a chaperone binding region having a sequence AGPI.
- Group II: Claims 1-14, 22, 27, 28, 33, 37, 41 and 42, drawn to cyclic peptides comprising a chaperone binding region having a sequence LP.

The Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-14, 22, 27, 28, 33, 37, 41 and 42, with traverse.

Applicants note that this application is a §371 national phase of a PCT application, and thus restriction requirements must comply with PCT Rule 13. As set out in MPEP § 1850:

An international application should relate to only one invention or, if there is more than one invention, the inclusion of those inventions in one international application *is only permitted if all inventions are so linked as to form a single general inventive concept* (PCT Rule 13.1).

(emphasis added)

In the claims of the present application, the chaperone binding region of the cyclic peptides

provides such a single, general inventive concept. Accordingly, the Applicants request the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and the claims rejoined.

The Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter or any subject matter disclosed in this application during the pendency of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number RIGL-023.

Respectfully submitted,
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